



## **HOLLYBUSH HOUSE**

*Gloucester County*

Hollybush was built in 1847 by Thomas Whitney for his private use. The Italian villa is a stone-built structure, designed to last for centuries. The Whitney heirs sold the estate in 1916, and in 1923 the State of New Jersey opened a normal school on the property. Since then, the mansion has been used as a home for the president of the school. On June 23 and 25, 1967, Hollybush was the site of the world famous Lyndon Johnson-Aleksei Kosygin Summit Conference. Hollybush was chosen for the conference because it was of equal distance between New York and Washington where the two world leaders were staying. This summit was very important to future peace policies. In 1971, the then president of the college decided that Hollybush would be put to better use as a conference center rather than the president's house. Since then, it has been in use almost every day by one or more groups for meetings, receptions and formal functions. Hollybush became a historic site in 1973.